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EXHIBIT 3 DATE 3/1/09 SB 323

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TO: Members of the House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Carl Peil, volunteer advocate for AARP Montana

RE: SB 323- Provide default lease extension period for residential leases

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Carl Peil and I'm a volunteer advocate for AARP Montana—a non-profit, non-partisan organization of 165,000 members in this state. Many of Montana's elderly are renters, and we believe that this bill will help to shine light on the renting and leasing process by clarifying provisions of the Landlord Tenant Act. We agree that if a mutual written agreement is required to create a lease, then the same should be required to extend that lease. Thank you for your time, and we urge your support on Senate Bill 323.